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SUBJECT: QUOTAS ON STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE

1. DELEGATION FROM TAIWAN FLATWARE ASSOCIATION (TFA) CALLED ON ECONCOUNS MAY 6. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY TFA FROM WASHINGTON, PRESUMABLY FROM ROC EMBASSY, JAPANESE FLATWARE MANUFACTURERS ALREADY ARE ASSIDUOUSLY LOBBYING TO HAVE PRESENT QUOTA SYSTEM MAINTAINED. AS FALLBACK, JAPANESE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT FIXED QUOTAS WITHOUT PENALTY DUTY CLAUSE.

2. NOTFA WOULD, OF COURSE, PREFER NO RESTRICTIONS ON FLATWARE EXPORTS TO U.S. HOWEVER, IF QUOTAS ARE NECESSARY, TFA WOULD PREFER MAINTENANCE PRESENT QUOTA SYSTEM WITH PENALTY DUTY CLAUSE. TFA IS OF OPINION INDUSTRY HAS DEVELOPED IN TAIWAN TO POINT IT CAN COMPETE FAVORABLY WITH JAPAN BOTH AS TO PRICE AND QUALITY.

3. TFA STRONGLY OPPOSES FIXED QUOTAS WITHOUT PENALTY DUTY CLAUSE IF QUOTAS ARE BASED ON US IMPORTS BEFORE TAIWAN BECAME MAJOR PRODUCER. FIXED QUOTAS WOULD BENEFIT ONLY JAPAN UNLESS RECENT IMPORT HISTORY FROM TAIWAN INCLUDED IN CALCULATING BASE.

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4. DELEGATION ALSO AVERRED THAT ANY MEANINGFUL
QUOTA SYSTEM SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION "EXPORT
POTENTIAL" OF PRODUCERS. ECONCOUNS MADE IT CLEAR
THAT THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE CRITERION.
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